(e) whether Government would make enquiry on the whole episode and if need be refer the case to CBI for detailed enquiry; and

(f) whether the persons so recruited would be replaced by the deserving candidates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Since resumption of duty on 16-11-1990, seven Extra Departmental Employees were recruited by Sh. D. R. Wadhwa in Sonepat Division, Haryana.

(c) Out of seven, six Extra Departmental Agents were recruited directly and one through the Employment Exchange.

(d) Reasons for making direct recruitment are as under:

(i) In two cases nominations were not received from Employment Exchange within stipulated period of 30 days.

(ii) In two other cases candidates sponsored by Employment Exchange did not fulfill the prescribed eligibility conditions.

(iii) In remaining two cases, Superintendent of Posts Offices absorbed two Extra Departmental Employees, rendered surplus, in accordance with the instructions of the Department.

(e) In view of reply to paras (a), (b) and (c) the Department does not feel the necessity of holding enquiry into the matter.

(f) Question does not arise in view of reply to parts (a) to (c).

Speed Breakers on National Highways

1367. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there are a large number of speed breakers on the National Highways without white markings on them in Maharashtra which result in accidents during nights and the steps taken by Government to bring these speed breakers to the national standard; and

(b) whether there is any plan for expansion of the National Highways in the near future in Maharashtra; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Though as per policy no speed breaker is permitted on National Highways, they have been unauthorisedly constructed at some locations. State Government has been advised to remove the same.

(b) The proposals for expansion of National Highways in Maharashtra can be considered only after finalization of the VIII Five Year Plan.

Visit of high level Netpalese task force to India

1368. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level Nepalese Task Force is visiting India shortly on economic cooperation between India and Nepal; and

(b) if so, the issues which are going to be discussed therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) A high level Nepalese delegation visited India in connection with the second meeting of the Indo-Nepal High Level Task Force from September 1-3, 1991.

(b) A wide range of issues of mutual interest relating to bilateral economic cooperation were discussed at the meeting including trade, transit, control of unauthorised trade and cooperation in the fields of industry, civil aviation, education and culture. The High Level